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1. An inspection of several isolated stretches of the single-line track between Mirkovo (N4242 E2359) and the western end of the Koznitsa tunnel has shown that at least on this particular stretch of the Sub-Balkan railway line there will be no regular traffic for some months. The railbed is very uneven and the rails so badly laid that only a light locomotive hauling a small number of cars and travelling at a speed not exceeding 10 miles per hour could hope to progress along the line without a great risk of accident.
2. On 15 June 1952, working parties were observed shovelling ballast on the line and down the embankments at two or three points between Pirdop and the western entrance of the Koznitsa tunnel.

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